

WHITE WATER RAFTING TRIP '99

by Irena Makeyeva

"Look down the river - it looks like the water disappears. We call it a horizon line." - Jay, rafting instructor, before our first waterfall.

At the time, it didn't seem like a funny comment. Only later on, baptized by the mountain water, sunburnt from above and soaked from below, did we appreciate the humour of our guide. But back then we were holding our paddles tight, waiting for the waterfall to approach and trying to secure ourselves to the boat. The white - literally white - rolling waters among dark rocks ahead looked powerful and hypnotizing. The magnificent roar of the rapid was broken by a hoarse voice of our guide yelling "Dig, dig, left back, full forward, faster! faster!!" We paddled at all our might, working as hard as we could when suddenly I felt that I was being thrown up in the air, desperately searching for something to grab, clung to a rope nearby, loosing the slippery vinyl boat surface under my fingers, felt the boat stand upright on its side, but still held in and then felt it thunder back onto the roiling waves - all in three quarters of a moment.

I looked around - the waterfall was now behind and the boat looked half-empty. Our guide was nonchalantly fishing out the fellow Euromembers from the slowing waters. Once near the boat, we would grab them by the shoulder straps of their life jackets and pull them back into the boat while he would fish out the next Euromember.

It turned out that our boat did stand up 90 degrees on its right side and everyone sitting on the right fell out. We watched other boats behind going through the same rapid, and one of the three repeated our maneuver in its entirety.

Then we followed the now calm river until we saw a second horizon line. The rapid ahead looked much more dangerous, and I prepared to take my turn to swim. Surprisingly, nobody went swimming this time.

As we were riding more rapids throughout the day, we learnt that not every wa-



Penobscot River, ME, June 12-13

terfall is accompanied by a Euromember's fall. In fact, we got quite fearless and often, after passing a rapid we would paddle back up and surf there for awhile. There, splashed with waves and sun, with the ebbs rolling over and rocking the boat, we challenged Neptune over and over. Well, we sent out a couple of swimmers once more, but I think it only made the trip more exciting for them. Or at least for us...

Rapids alternated with tranquil waters and pastoral mountain scenery. Of course in the calm waters we held a boat race

among our 4 boats. Our boat won!!! One of the landmarks was a mountain called "Thousand Faces" - the huge cliff emerging from the rapids indeed seemed to consist of at least a hundred of faces merging together. The rapids had much more picturesque names, like "A Man With One Testicle" - I won't tell you the others.

After the full day of adventures even the eight-hour trip back seemed to be worth it. We arrived in Boston at 2:30 am, tired, overwhelmed and with full rolls of film...

EUROPEAN CAREER FAIR AT MIT, OR HOW TO MAKE WAVES IN THE POOL OF COMPANIES

by Miguel Marioni and Bilal Zuberi, EC Career Fair co-chairs

In spring 1996, the European Club at MIT was about to start a new and "risky" enterprise. The idea was to provide career opportunities for Europeans after graduation, especially focused towards the students who would like to go back and work in Europe. The problem that many Europeans were facing after graduation was the tremendous effort that a job

search in Europe implied. Seeking a job is clearly no easy thing. But if you have to think about coordinating the job selection process in Europe while there are still a few months to go before graduation... It gets really tricky!

So we asked ourselves: why not bring the companies to MIT? That was the start of the European Career Fair at MIT. Today, we're already preparing our fourth Career Fair, and we are confident that it is going to be another success.

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Career Fair '99

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It is no big news that the students at MIT, Harvard and other universities of the greater Boston area represent an enormous potential for companies. Among them, recruiters that seek staff for their European offices can find people with excellent education and a truly international attitude. So that is the "product" that we offer to companies. The only missing thing is a venue where candidates and recruiters can get together, and this is provided by the fair. The fair not only includes a formal display of the company's booth but also provides the companies with two days for the recruiters to interview potential candidates. This is unique, and the strongest aspect of our career fair.

Now for the organization part... Major tasks of the career fair team are these: Making sure the companies come, making sure the students attend, and organizing the lo-

gistics of the fair itself. Bringing the companies to the fair requires several steps. First we must find out about companies that could potentially be interested. We have built a pretty good database so far, and are constantly improving it. Then we produce an invitation brochure and send it to the companies. Beginning in October we start personal communication with the recruiters to

make sure they give our fair a consideration and don't forget the brochure among other papers. Our web page, newspaper articles etc. have given increased visibility to our fair, and several companies are already contacting us to get more information about the fair.

These are the companies that came last year:
 Andersen Consulting, Audi, BASF, Bayer, BMW, The Boston Consulting Group, British Aerospace, Daimler Chrysler, Deutsche Bank, Deutsche Lufthansa, DSM, Hypo Vereinsbank, McKinsey and Company, Merrill Lynch, Nokia USA, Omnitel Telecomunicazioni Cellulari, Pfizer European Research, Procter & Gamble Europe, Robert Bosch, Roland Berger & Partner, SAGEM, Siemens Nixdorf, Siemens Semiconductors, Starlab Research (Riverland), Trilogy and Volkswagen Germany.

Advertisement in the student communities around Boston requires planned publicity as well. We want to make sure that all the students who are interested submit their resumes to us, so that we can prepare resume books which are later mailed to the companies. They are very helpful to recruiters, who can then preselect interesting candidates and schedule interviews on our web based system, well in advance of the fair date. The logistics of the fair is perhaps the most interesting aspect of the whole effort. After reserving the space where the actual fair will be held, we have to think about setting up booths, handling the catering, audiovisuals for company presentations, a welcoming reception, the interview spaces, customs declarations, shuttle services, etc.

Honestly, organizing a career fair is a lot of work but a lot of fun as well. If you would like to become a part of our exciting team, just write to us at career@euroclub.mit.edu, and come to the meetings. We can definitely use your skills and motivation! On the other hand, organizing the career fair will bring you in contact with the recruiters that you might have to face tomorrow in the interviews. It will also provide you with an opportunity to practice team-work in the planning of a large event. And if nothing else seems fun - at least it's a good way to earn FREE DINNERS at all team meetings.

If you have any questions, you can always e-mail us at the above address, or visit our web page, <http://euroclub.mit.edu/career/>.

5 BEST SUMMER ONE-DAY-TRIPS

AS SUGGESTED BY OUR READERS

HALIBUT STATE PARK IN ROCKPORT, by Theresa Choe

Daytrip to Halibut State Park in Rockport, Mass. (North Shore). You can go there by train and then walk a couple of miles to the park which is part granite quarry and part scenic landscape which extends to the Atlantic shore: gorgeous views, Rockport has some nice places to dine if you enjoy fresh seafood. Of course, it's even easier to make it out there if you have some friends with cars.

SPEED FERRY FROM PLYMOUTH TO PROVINCETOWN, by Emmi Snyder

I can highly recommend the high speed ferry which a group of us took from Plymouth to Provincetown last week-end. Ferry leaves Plymouth State Pier (next to the Mayflower II) at 10 am, arrives P-town 11.30. Leaves P-town at 4.30 pm for Plymouth, returning at 6. Gives you a pretty full day in P-town - plenty of time for biking, hiking,

wandering around the village. You could probably get to the beach on bikes too, but since we were walking we didn't get that far.

Discounts are available through the MITAC office (\$22 r/t).

ARNOLD ARBORETUM PARK, by Ignacio Perez de la Cruz

The Arnold Arboretum is a beautiful park south of Boston, ideal for an afternoon walk or small picnic. The Arboretum encompasses 265 acres with exotic trees and flowers imported from all over the world. You can bike through the park, roller blade, or just walk. The park is easily accessible by T. Take the orange line to the last stop at Forest Hills. For more info check out their web page at <http://arboretum.harvard.edu/>

DECORDOVA MUSEUM AND SCULPTURE PARK, by Sven Heemeyer

The DeCordova Museum and Sculpture

Park in Lincoln, MA is well worth a trip. The Park features over 50 modern and contemporary sculptures by noted regional and national artists. It is also a great place to have a picnic. You can also combine this trip with a swim in nearby Walden Pond. You can bike there in less than 2 hours or take the commuter rail to Lincoln. From the station it is about 10 minutes by bike or 30 minutes walking to the museum. The museum's home page is at <http://www.decordova.org/>.

MOUNT MONADNOCK RECREATION AREA, by Inge Vermeir

The trip (only one and a half hours driving from Boston) brings you to the border of MA and NH... the area is called Mount Monadnock recreation area and gives you a wonderful hike of about three to four hours up to (I think) the highest peak of Mass. The view is wonderful since you see 360 degrees around you!

PAST EVENTS



Euroclub members aboard Voyager II on their way out to the ocean

EUROPEAN CLUB WHALE WATCH TRIP, JUNE 6TH, 1999, by Markus Palenberg, EC Main Whale Watcher

42 adventurous Europhiles left the Boston Harbor on Sunday, June 6th aboard the whale watch cruiser "Voyager II" in the early afternoon. While heading for the whales' feeding grounds, people enjoyed the sun on the upper deck and watched the Boston skyline disappearing slowly into the sea. Far off coast, we sighted the first whales: long dark bodies moving gracefully through the waves. We saw a whale, jumping real close to the boat, and another whale waved a hello to us with his huge back fin for more than five minutes. All the time, the waves were pretty high and it was spectacular standing in the front of the boat and watching everything moving up and down while getting splashed every other second. For some people, it was even too spectacular; I remember Markus Mueller's face turning into a real unhealthy green. After 1.5h of whale watching, the boat headed back to Boston. Interested? There will be another European Club Whale Watch Trip soon (Sunday, August 15th, 2:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., will be announced by email)!



Irene Makeyeva "catches" a blue whale, plunging into the sea

SUMMER BBQ, JUNE 11TH, 1999, Else Slepecky, BBQ Meister.

At the EC BBQ in June, a good time was had by everyone! There was grilled chicken, steaks and sausage, all prepared by our grill expert, Kyril from St. Petersburg. He not only volunteered for the job, he continued until the very end. Wow! While some discussed the philosophy of life, or about how difficult it is to actually find an apartment around here, others simply sat on the grass and looked up at the blue sky. Activities included volleyball and discussing the best way to light the grill. The great part was that many people showed up for the event, including several people who became new members (and bought t-shirts!). The downside was that eventually the food was gone. So keep in mind there will be another BBQ this fall (sooner than you think!). Hope to see you then.



The July 4th was no disappointment for those gathered at EC picnic on Memorial Drive

4TH OF JULY PICNIC, JULY 4TH, 1999, by A&A

Gourmet foods, happy reunions, fun conversations, and Magnificent Fireworks that shined over the Charles are some of the highlights of this year's traditional European Club 4th of July Celebration. A candle-light desert party crowned this romantic summer night.

FUTURE EVENTS

NIAGARA FALLS/TORONTO, AUG.20-22

Our first international trip! On Aug.20 - Aug.22 the Euroclub Club will be travelling to Toronto for a weekend of fun! We will enjoy sight-seeing and the night-life on Friday/Saturday in one of Canada's most vibrant cities. On Sunday we will visit the breathtaking Niagara Falls in Western New York State. The cost of the trip will be around \$150 and will include transportation and lodging. This trip will be open to current members of the club only. Details/Registration will be announced on the official mailing list.

WELCOME RECEPTION, FRI, SEP. 3, 5 P.M. - 7 P.M.

Enjoy cakes, desserts, and meet the newcomers to the club.

BOSTON SIGHTSEEING ON A "DUCK TOUR", WED, SEP. 8

Take a tour of Boston like you never have before!

WELCOME BARBECUE FOR INCOMING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, FRI, SEP. 10, 5 P.M. - 8 P.M.

Enjoy another round of steaks, chickens, and salads with fellow club members.

REGULAR EVENTS HIGHLIGHT

EUROPEAN CLUB MOVIE NIGHTS, by Mark Skandera, Movie Wizard

If you want to go out on the weekend, but don't want to bother planning anything yourself, let us do the work for you! The European Club shows movies practically every week of the semester. We watch them at the Brattle, Kendall Square, and even right at MIT.

For those of you who enjoy a foreign flavor, we show films by Fellini, Bergman, Truffaut, Bunuel, Benigni, Almodovar, Goddard, and more. Of course the movies are subtitled, so that everyone can enjoy them.

For those of you who prefer American movies, we show the most recent, the most popular... whatever's in the theaters.

We get our tickets at a discount rate, since we know students appreciate saving money, and the movies we rent on video are free. So come join us this fall, make some new friends, and find out that the "La Dolce Vita" isn't just a restaurant in the North End."

PUB TOUR OF THE MONTH

by Daniel Grohol, Pub Tour Teammember

The last Pub Tour on July 22 began with a new twist, different from what our drink'n chat-loving enthusiasts have been used to. One of our PubMeisters, Markus Mueller discovered a dance studio that occasionally offers free dancing lessons in classical ballroom dances. And since the past Thursday happened to be one of those occasions, many our club members decided to try out something new. Unlike our typical pub-tours, we gathered at 9 o'clock at the Fred Astaire studio on Massachusetts Avenue in Boston, just across from Tower Records. We got off to a great start, as the staff delighted us by offering the newcomers glasses of champagne, creating a relaxed and cordial atmosphere in our group. It was also easy to spot many new faces of people who do not regularly attend the Pub Tours.

Shortly thereafter, Latin American tunes began to fill the studio, and most people started spontaneously dancing. Some pairs visibly had had more experience in dancing than others, but the director Armin Kappacher and his assistants roamed the room, teaching the couples the correct steps and turns. After this initial warm-up, Armin and his

dance partner Christina dazzled us with an exhibition, leaving us with a sense of excitement and a burning desire to be able to dance quite as well. That opportunity came at the end of the lesson when teaching instructors distributed signup sheets for regular dancing lessons for which most dancers signed up. After the dancing lesson, some of us headed to a nearby Whiskey's Bar & Restaurant to enjoy a well-deserved beer. Due to the apparent enjoyment of all those who attended, the Pub Tour Team plans to organize more of such joint events in the future!

TIP OF THE MONTH: WHERE TO RENT OUT GEAR.

Good place is MIT Outing Club. Their web page at <http://web.mit.edu/mitoc/www/> describes the procedure. Any MIT person can do that on Monday and Thursday evenings.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICIAL EC MEMBERS GOT PRIVILEGES BEFORE NON-MEMBERS IN PARTICIPATING IN EC EVENTS

At the last meeting the European Club committee decided to reward you, our members. In some of our smaller, highly popular trips we will give current members preference in sign-ups over those who are not members but are willing to become to attend the trip. Membership has its privileges!

NEWSLETTER WANTS YOU!!!

Dear Euromembers and all those, who cares about MIT European Club! If you like writing, drawing, making pictures, designing documents, working in a team and simply having fun - this announcement is for you. EC Newsletter team needs your help. Come and join the us for regular meetings at Toscanini's Ice Cream cafe at the Student Center. You won't waste you time - we promise! For further information please contact Irene at newsletter@euroclub.mit.edu.